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The Franklin County School held Algebra 1 boot camps during the months of June and July in an effort to assist students who must pass the state-mandated Algebra 1 assessment requirement. To date, 27 students in grades 9-12, have met their Algebra 1 requirement via the PERT assessment (an alternative test given to meet the Algebra 1 assessment requirement) this summer and have two days to continue to test.

The Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) adopted Rule 6A-1.09422 this year which no longer permits the use of the PERT exam (alternative test to meet Algebra 1 requirements) for students who enrolled in ninth grade for the 2018-19 school year. There was a misinterpretation of the rule- believing that this new rule would not take effect until July 30, 2018.

On July 9-10, the PERT was offered to some of the 8th-grade students that are attending the Algebra 1 camp and five of them passed the assessment. Upon further investigation and confirmation from FLDOE, the district determined that the new rule was in effect and the 8th-grade students who were tested and passed the PERT will still need to meet the Algebra 1 assessment requirements. All students that passed the PERT and are affected by this new law were notified of the error and have been offered additional instructional support.

The Franklin County School District has decided to extend the Algebra 1 camp an additional (4) days to include July 16th-19th with the FSA Algebra EOC to be given on July 18th-19th.